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## **ACREAGE OF MAJOR CROPS EXPECTED TO INCREASE FOR 2011**

Preliminary planting intentions of New York farmers as of March 1, 2011 indicate increases for barley, soybeans, wheat, dry hay, and corn, according to King Whetstone, Director of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. Dry beans are expected to decrease and oats are expected to remain the same.

Empire State farmers intend to plant 1,070,000 acres of corn for all purposes (*grain and silage*) for the 2011 crop year, up 2 percent from last year. Soybean plantings are expected to increase by 9 percent to 305,000 acres. Dry bean intentions, at 12,000 acres, are expected to decrease by 20 percent from last year's 15,000 acres. New York farmers intend to harvest 1.44 million acres of dry hay in 2011, 4 percent above last year. Wheat planted acreage totaled 120,000 acres, up 9 percent from 2010. Oat plantings are expected to total 80,000 acres, the same as last year. Barley plantings are expected to total 13,000 acres, 8 percent above last year.

Nationally, corn growers intend to plant 92.2 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2011, up 5 percent from last year and 7 percent higher than in 2009. If realized, this will be the second highest planted acreage in the United States since 1944, behind only the 93.5 million acres planted in 2007. Acreage increases of 250,000 or more are expected in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, and South Dakota. The largest decrease is expected in Texas, down 150,000 acres.

Soybean planted area for 2011 is estimated at 76.6 million acres, down 1 percent from last year. If realized, the United States planted area will be the third largest on record. Compared with last year, planted acreage declines of 100,000 acres or more are expected in Iowa, Kansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, and Ohio. If realized, the planted area in New York and North Dakota will be the largest on record.

All wheat planted area is estimated at 58.0 million acres, up 8 percent from last year. The 2011 winter wheat planted area, at 41.2 million acres, is 10 percent above last year and up 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 29.4 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 8.2 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.7 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2011 is estimated at 14.4 million acres, up 5 percent from 2010. Of this total, about 13.6 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2011 is estimated at 2.37 million acres, down 8 percent from 2010. The information in this release is available by free email subscription by subscribing to New York reports at [www.nass.usda.gov/ny](http://www.nass.usda.gov/ny).

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